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Applicant(s): Hayashizaki *et al.*
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REGIONS FOR CLONING AND ANALYSIS

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 13, 2008, Applicants submit on a separate page herewith the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment filed August 4, 2008. The markings of claim 9 have been amended to delete the underline under the period at the end of step (d).